



THE LYMINGE NEWSLETTER

For the communities of LYMINGE, ETCHINGHILL, RHODES MINNIS and POSTLING

<http://www.lyminge.org.uk/>

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THE LYMINGE ASSOCIATION

LYMINGE ASSOCIATION NEWS

merry christmas from the Lyminge Association to all our readers, and a big thank you to our monthly Sponsors, Advertisers and our band of Deliverers for supporting the Lyminge Association

Lyminge Calendar 2012 ~ This has proved even more popular than the last two years and we had to have more printed ! Our calendar for the coming Jubilee year reflects the changes in Lyminge over the past 60 years and is available from The Post Office, Lyminge Hardware Store and Lyminge Newsagents. At just £5 this makes an excellent stocking filler and is ideal for sending to friends and relations who live far away.

The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II* ~** The Lyminge Association is organising two events including a Party on Tayne Field and the Audio-Visual presentation in the Village Hall. ***Do you have any special memories of village events and photographs that would help with this presentation? We are also looking for iconic objects from those decades. Do you still have one of those early Hoovers or other domestic appliances, tucked away in the attic, or a really old radio, or a Lambretta scooter!?? If you think that you can help, please contact Adrian on 862699.

Father Christmas sponsors this month's front page !



HO! HO! HO!

Don't forget that Father Christmas will be delivering presents in Lyminge and nearby on Tuesday 20th December.

If you would like Father Christmas to deliver a special present please wrap it up securely, make sure that it has the recipient's name and address and take it to Laing Bennett before 4pm on Monday 19th December. There is a small charge of £1 per address [as many parcels as you like to each address] The joy on the recipient's face is priceless as Father Christmas and his Elves hand over the present. Do join in with this lovely event. It is not limited to children - adults love to receive that unexpected present too !!

LYMINGE PARISH CHURCH SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Church e-mail: lyminge.church@btopenworld.com

Church Website: www.lymingechurch.co.uk

Sun 4 th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW order 2)
	10.30am	WOW - World of Worship
Thurs 8 th Dec	2.00pm	Buggies to Bethlehem A short pre-school friendly Christmas service for babies and toddlers with toys and action songs
Sun 11 th Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sat 17 th Dec	7.00pm	Candlelight Carol Service
Sun 18 th Dec	10.30am	Family Communion with Sunday School
	6.00pm	Evensong
Tues 20 th Dec	6.30pm	Carol singing round the Village Starting in Wentworth Close car park
Sat 24 th Dec		Christmas Eve
	3.00pm	Blessing of the Crib
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Sun 25 th Dec		Christmas Day
	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Toys and Joy Christmas Day Celebration

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **NO Communion, Bible study or Time of silence and quiet prayer** on Wednesdays throughout December but everyone is welcome to join with us instead at **POSTLING CHURCH** at 7.30pm for their **ADVENT MEDITATION** entitled 'Why Are We Waiting'. This will start on Wednesday 7th December and continue on 14th and 21st.

Afternoon Tea - Nailbourne Court – Sunday 4th December

This is held in the lounge from 3 - 5pm.

If you would like to come but need a lift, contact Sue on 862221

Wentworth Craft Group – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 6th December

2pm – 4pm in the lounge. Even if you are not a 'crafty' person, you are still very welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat. For more information contact Lynne on 863010

Coffee morning – Wentworth Close - Tuesday 13th December

This is held in the lounge from 10.00-11.30am. Do join us as we meet with the residents of Wentworth Close for coffee and a chat

Mothers Union

For more details about the dates below please contact Sue on 862221

Friday 2nd December

11.00am - Advent Service at the Cathedral

Wednesday 14th December

10.30am in Nailbourne Court Lounge

Christmas carols, stories etc

Thursday 22nd December - 12 midday

Prayer time in St Gabriel's Chapel at Canterbury Cathedral

Bereavement Support Lunch – Thursday 15th December

Coach and Horses Pub - 12.00 for 12.30pm

All are welcome and transport can be arranged,

Please contact Vanessa on 862432

Prayer Shawl Ministry Group – Wednesday 21st December

This group meets in Nailbourne Court Lounge from 2.30 - 4.30pm to knit prayer shawls and pray for the people they are for. This is a joyous and useful way to bring prayer and healing to our world and everyone is welcome to join in whether you can knit or not. Tea & coffee are provided. For more information contact Madelaine Lewis on 863582

St Nicholas Fayre Craft Group

The group will not be meeting in December.

The meetings will start again on Tuesday 24th January at 2.00pm at 68 Silverlands Road

Anyone is welcome especially if they have some new ideas for us

Contact Lynne on 863010

LYMINGE METHODIST CHURCH

Visitors are very welcome to join us at our weekly service at **11am** and invited to share fellowship afterwards with a cup of coffee/tea.

4th December Mr David Foreman

11th December Mr Dudley Shipton (inc. Holy Communion)

18th December Rev Robin Blount

Christmas Day Rev Kevin Taylor

1st January Mr Terry Preston

Wednesday, 21st December - 7.30pm **Carols by**

Candlelight followed by refreshments

Monday Fellowship 2.30-3.30pm Weekly in the Parlour – 5th & 12th Dec. Then re-start 9th Jan.

For Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals, please contact the Rev. Kevin Taylor, on 01303 261500

Rhodes Minnis Church

Dec. 4 Mr. David Foreman

Dec. 11 Carol Service **at 6pm**

Rev. Kevin Taylor. (NO morning Service)

Dec. 18 Rev. Philip Luscombe (includes Holy Communion)

Dec. 25 NO SERVICE

Jan. 1 Annual Covenant Service **at 3pm** –

Rev. Sam Funnell (NO morning service)

An Advent Course will be held in the Chapel on Thursdays, December 1st, 8th and 15th at 2.30pm to which everyone is invited.

POSTLING CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4th December Evensong 6.30pm

Wednesday 7th December Advent Meditation 7.30pm

Sunday 11th December Family Communion 9.30am

Wednesday 14th December Advent Meditation 7.30pm

Sunday 18th December Holy Communion 8am

Monday 19th December Advent Carol Service with the Shepway Singers 7.30pm

Wednesday 21st December Advent Meditation 7.30pm

Saturday 24th December Crib Service 11.30am

Sunday 25th December Family Communion 9.30am

L.E.T. (Lyminge Ecumenical Team)

Prayer Box.

Please place any prayer requests concerning a bereavement or illness in the prayer box at Lyminge Post Office. It would help to have the name of the person you are praying for but not necessarily your name. These will be included in Sunday worship in all churches and added to private prayer life.

Terms and Conditions. Copy deadline is 18th December

Email your copy in word.doc format to the editor – see below. Your payment must be received before your article or advert can appear in the Newsletter. Please leave your payment in a sealed envelope at the Lyminge Hardware Store or at the Lyminge Library. Your name, organisation and telephone number must be included on the envelope and with your advertisement or copy.

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If you do not have email, a typed paper-copy can be left with your payment. For further details call the editor - see the number below. If you require a receipt you must include a request for one and a s.a.e. and with your payment.

This page is printed to give readers and organisers the opportunity of planning their events without clashing with existing events which are already 'in the diary'. It is not intended as the sole means of advertising and we do not take responsibility for errors or omissions. Acceptance is at the discretion of the editor. Please send your updates either by email to Page3lym@aol.com or via the other methods outlined on Page 2. Location and name codes are as follows:

C&H: Coach & Horses; **ECC:** Etchinghill Cricket Club; **EVH:** Etchinghill Village Hall; **ERA:** Etchinghill Residents' Association; **ES:** Elham Square; **JF:** Jubilee Field; **KH:** Korf House; **LB:** Laing Bennett; **LL:** Library; **LMC:** Lyminge Methodist Church; **LPC:** Lyminge Parish Church; **LPO:** Lyminge Post Office; **LSH:** Lyminge School Hall; **LVH:** Lyminge Village Hall; **LW:** Lord Whisky; **NP:** Nailbourne Parlour; **NVH:** Newington Village Hall; **PC:** Postling Church; **PH:** Lord Whisky, Park Hse. **RVH:** Rhodes Minnis Village Hall; **RMC:** Rhodes Minnis Church; **SNL:** See NewsLetter for details; **TC:** Tayne Centre.

ONE OFF or IRREGULAR EVENTS					ONE OFF or IRREGULAR EVENTS				
Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Date	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
3 Dec		St. Nicholas Fayre	LVH		25 Dec	12:00pm	Christmas Lunch	LVH	863256
3 Dec	5pm	Christmas Lights	LB		25 Dec	12:00pm	Christmas Lunch	C&H	862694
3 Dec	10am	St Martin's Christmas Fayre	SNL	840202	2012				
7 Dec	7.30pm	The Railway Swing Band Concert	LVH	862530	21 Jan	11am	Jumble Sale	TC	
10 Dec	7.30pm	Music for Christmas	SNL	891001	28 Jan	7.30pm	Winter Blues Quiz	LVH	862928
10 Dec	7.30pm	Christmas EnterTAYNEment	TC	862073	3 Feb	7.30pm	Quiz Night	LVH	863506
17 Dec	7pm	Carols by Candlelight	LPC	863911					
18 Dec		Elham Valley & Wye Lions Club Christmas Float in Lyminge		0845 6015212					
21 Dec		Elham Valley & Wye Lions Club Christmas Float in Etchinghill		0845 6015212					

WEEKLY EVENTS					WEEKLY EVENTS				
Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
Mon	10:00am	Open House	EVH	863394	Wed	7:30pm	Cantores Domincae Choir	LSH	01233 503686
Mon	10.30am	Lyminge Larks (Singing)	TC	01233 750223	Wed	7:30pm	Circuit Training	LVH	07951 698 008
Mon	2:30pm	Monday Fellowship	TC	862164	Wed	8:00pm	Scottish Dancing	EVH	
Mon	7:30pm	Circuit Training	LVH	07951 698 008	Thu	10:00am	RM Toddler Group	RVH	863096
Tues ¹	10.00am	Baby and Toddler Group	TC	863274	Thu	10:00am	Art Group – Morning	TC	211364
Tues	6pm	Football Training	JF	07967342226	Thu	2:00pm	Art Group – Afternoon	TC	862972
Wed	10:15am	Gentle Exercise Class	TC	862465	Fri	9:10am	Circuit Training	TC	07951 698 008
Wed ¹	5:00pm	Digital Quandary Group	LSH	862972					
Wed	7:00pm	French Conversation Grp.	KH	862972					

MONTHLY EVENTS					MONTHLY EVENTS				
When	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.	Day	Time	Event	Where	Tel. No.
1 st Mon	10:15am	Health Walk	LVH/ES	862959	4 th Fri	7:30pm	Beetle Drive	RVH	862616
Last Mon		Parish Council Meeting	SNL		1 st Sat	10:00am	Farmers' Market	EVH	862832
1 st Tue ²	7:45	LHS Talk/Event	TC	862972	2 nd Sat	10:00am	Postling Ch. Coffee Morn.	PC	863536
3 rd Tue	2:30pm	Etchinghill W.I.	EVH	863503	3 rd Sat	8:00am	Coins For Clutter	TC	862164
1 st Wed	10:30am	Lyminge Friends	LMP	862427	Last Sat	11:00am	Lyminge Poetry Group	LL	863474
2 nd Wed	10:30am	Mothers' Union	NP	862221	3 rd Sun	10.00am	Parish Walk	Richard	862015
3 rd Wed	7:30pm	RM Evening Circle	RVH	862913					
Last Wed	7:30pm	Quiz Night	C&H	862694					

¹ In Term Time only

² Except Jan. & Feb.



Lyminge Pre-School

**Passionate about providing excellent
childcare**

**We're proud of our latest Ofsted report which
stated that our 'Partnership with parents and carers
is outstanding' in every area!**

We are a well-established pre-school, with
committed, enthusiastic and highly qualified staff
We offer:

- Range of flexible sessions
- Breakfast club
- Outdoor play area with sensory garden
- Spacious indoor facilities

Did you know...?

**K.C.C. will fund up to 15 flexible hours per week for
children 3+ years. Also we are a provider for the
governments initiative 'free for 2' to provide free
hours for 2 year olds.**

To discuss your requirements, or to arrange a visit, and meet the
team, call 01303 863149 (day) or 07709420736 (eve)

Alternatively, email admin@lymingepreschool.org.uk and
visit our website www.lymingepreschool.org.uk

LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL

Proudly Presents

THE RAILWAY SWING BAND

With Guest Singers

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Wednesday 7 December
7:30pm**

**Tickets now available from:
Lyminge Hardware £10.00 per person
or**

**To reserve, phone
Niki: 01303 862530 or Honor: 01303 862928**

DOORS AND BAR OPEN AT 6:30pm

**Raffle
Licensed Bar
Teas & Coffees, Mince Pies**

Organised by the Village Hall Management Committee Rea Charitv 281845

In Aid of the Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

Registered Charity: 2843483

Park House Animal Sanctuary, Stelling Minnis, Kent CT4 6AN
Tel: 01303 862622 Email: lord.whisky@btinternet.com
www.lordwhisky.co.uk

Please come and join us at our
**Blessing of the Animals on Saturday
3rd December at 1.30pm**
at Park House Animal Sanctuary
Stelling Minnis CT4 6AN

1.30pm with Benn Millberry playing bagpipes

2pm short service with Rev John Coleman

Crib scene with Lucy, our donkey.

Please wear waterproof footwear and warm clothes

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Why not enjoy a Christmas Lunch at the Lord Whisky Tea Rooms
beforehand? 3 courses for £17, followed by coffee/tea and a
mince pie. Pre-booking essential.

Or treat yourself to an Afternoon Christmas Tea, from 3pm.

To book lunch or tea, call 01303 862349 or 01303 862622.

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Christmas Lunches also being served at the Lord Whisky Tea
Rooms on Sundays 4th, 11th & 18th December.

Please phone 01303 862349 to book.

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We will also be serving Christmas Dinner at 7pm on Wednesday
14th December.

3 courses for £17 including coffee/tea & a Mince Pie.

Bring your own wine and make a donation for corkage.
Pre-booking essential, phone 01303 862349 or 01303 862622

PBarnes20@aol.com

FARMERS and CRAFT MARKET

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL

St Mary's Drive, Meriden Park CT18 8 NQ

Saturday 3 December

10.00am – 12.30pm

First Saturday in the Month

Contact Number for bookings

Bryan – 01303 862832

**We now have an excellent Greengrocer and
Pork Butcher**

QUIZ NIGHT

7.30pm Friday 3rd February 2012

Lyminge Village Hall

In aid of Eleanor and Keziah travelling
to South Africa to participate in a
community volunteer scheme.

Quiz plus fish and chip supper £10
per person; table of up to 8 people

Contact Rowena or Fiona
on 863506 or 840442

Lyminge Village Hall

100 CLUB RESULTS

The monthly winner of the
New Village Hall 100 Club
was drawn at the Coach & Horses
on 30 October 2011

The winner was

Wendy Gridley

If you would like to join our new club then
please contact

Niki - 862530 or Sue - 862696

Village Hall Management Committee Reg Charity 281845

From an old village friend...

CONNIE BUTTLER is now residing in Latchmere Nursing Home, Frittenden TN17 2EN and will not be sending Christmas cards this year. She wishes all her friends a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE COMING YEAR. She thinks of you all with happy memories.

Connie (103 yrs old last May) and husband Bill lived in Bedingfield Way, were both very active in village life, especially the Historical Society, and Bill was editor of the Parish Magazine for many years.

Seasoned Mixed Logs

For Sale

£70 for large truck load

Free delivery

Tel: 01227709562

Mob: 07772698899



Help for Heroes Concert, Postling Church

May I thank all those people who took part or came to the concert for Help For Heroes. With all your help, it was a great success and £1500 is on its way to the charity.

We couldn't have done it
without you!! Thank you
Jane Seymore



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WINTER BLUES QUIZ

28th January 2012

First quiz of the year.

Try to get your name on the board!

Lyminge Village Hall

7:00 for 7:30pm start

Hot meal, Bar

Tables of 4-8 @ £8.00pp

Hurry - tickets going fast!!

For details contact:

Honor: 862928 or Niki 862530

Organised by the Village Hall Management Committee Reg Charity 281845

YOGA & RELAXATION CLASSES

Local friendly classes suitable for all ages & abilities

Mon 1.30pm Elham Village Hall

Mon 7.00pm Rhodes Minnis Village Hall

Thur 10.00am Etchinghill Village Hall

Thur 7.00pm Elham Village Hall

Tel: **Christine Yorke 01303 863196**

Email: **yorkes@yoga4freedom.co.uk**

Etchinghill W.I.

The Annual General Meeting was held in November. Ann Morgan, treasurer, read the financial report and Rita Warner, secretary, spoke of well-attended meetings and events during the year. The president, Barbara Syrett, thanked everyone for a most successful year especially in August when a cream tea was held in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice and £1,200 was raised. She also thanked the committee for their help and support during the past year.

The competition cup winner was Sylvia Clark. Birthday posies were presented to Joy Bartley, Muriel Childs, Mary Hickmott, Evelyn Holt and Joyce Knapton. At the conclusion of the afternoon's business, tea was served, the hostesses being Joan White, Chris Marshall and Sylvia Clark.

Next meeting is our Christmas party on Tuesday, 13th December at 2.30pm. For further details, please contact Barbara Syrett on 01303 265229 or Rita Warner on 01303 863503



COINS FOR CLUTTER

**CHRISTMAS
FARMERS MARKET
AND TABLE FAIR**

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER

10 AM -- 14.00

TAYNE CENTRE
CHURCH RD LYMINGE
HOT SAUSAGE ROLLS
+ MINCE PIES
AND MULLED WINE

LYMINGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

7.45pm TUESDAY 6th December

at Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

Pitt the Younger and The Martello Towers

A talk by Geoff Hutchinson

Non-members welcome.

"A HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR" to all our members"



Volunteer Centre
Shepway

Shepway Volunteer Centre is urgently looking for more volunteer drivers in the Elham/Lyminge area to help with its Transport Service.

Drivers use their own vehicles to take elderly or disabled local residents to medical appointments or on essential shopping trips. Drivers are paid expenses so that they are not out of pocket.

Could you help? All you need is a clean driving licence, a caring disposition and a little time to spare.

Please call Shepway Volunteer Centre 01303 259007

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH CLUB



There is still time to book a place to join us on Christmas Day.

We already have a number of people attending and the day can only be made more special by the additions of others.

To find out more please ring:

Sam/Kirsty- 01303 863256

or Clive (evenings only) 01303 862540

Wonderful People Required

Would you like to make a difference to somebody's life on Christmas Day?

Can you spare a little time for any of the following?

We need people to – Pop a few extras in the oven and bring them to the hall, make sandwiches for a take away tea, pick people up and take them home

Help decorate the hall on Christmas Eve, donate some Christmas music whether it is on CD or half an hour of live music after lunch, cook and serve lunch, help clear up after.

And most importantly bring good cheer to all who attend
Anyone who attends the day as a volunteer will be provided with a free Christmas Lunch.

We can guarantee that you too will have the best Christmas Day ever!

For all details please ring:

Sam/Kirsty- 01303 863256

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 21st JANUARY

11.00 TO 14.00

TAYNE CENTRE



FOR CENTRE'S REFURBISHMENT FUND

Merry Christmas

Wishing all my friends and neighbours of
Lyminge a Joyous Christmas and Peaceful,
Healthy and Happy New Year. With love and
God Bless
Patty Gear

Lyminge Dramatic Society

Well, what can we say, except thank you all very much for your continuing support! You are magnificent! We played "The Flint Street Nativity" to great audiences, all of you in fine voice and very appreciative of our very funny play. We hope that you enjoyed watching our performances as much as we enjoyed putting them on.

We have said goodbye to our cast, crew, scripts, costumes, set and music and are now looking forward to our next productions – no one can ever say that we rest on our laurels! There is a Variety Show in the summer in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and we are doing a panto in the run up to Christmas 2012 - details to follow, so watch out for them.

However, we always look to the future and welcome your help. If there are any shows/plays/ productions you think we should consider, please let us know. (Phone Ann Barnes on 01303 862823 and let her know what you think.) We always welcome your help and advice.

So, it just remains for us to once again say a very big thank you for your support and to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



AGE CONCERN **HYTHE & LYMINGE**

We will be holding a series of events during December including a carol service, 4 Christmas dinners, visits to local school nativity plays, cookery sessions and a chance to make your own decorations. On December 16th we will be holding our party for local older people, which this year will be at the Grand Burstin Hotel in Folkestone, with a 4 course meal and entertainment.

The Jubilee Centre will be closed from 24th to 27th December and 31st December to 2nd January. Meals on Wheels will be available on all days over the festive period.

THANK YOU – We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful volunteers for all their hard work and support over the last year. The Jubilee Centre alone has 19 volunteers who give a total of over 3500 hours per year of their time. Their roles include running activity sessions such as art and cookery, administration, delivering meals to people's homes, running our conservatory cafe, helping to prepare meals, spending valuable time with older people one to one and driving our small minibus.

if you would like to know more about the services we provide or wish to join our invaluable team of volunteers please contact **Matthew Martin** on **01303 269602**

Rhodes Minnis Evening Circle

On the 16th November we welcomed back Brian Doorne who took us on a journey from "Dover to Dungeness". He showed us beautiful photographs with a very interesting and amusing commentary. The competition was won by Molly Walker with Daphne Andrews 2nd, Pat Kent 3rd and Marie Hambrook 4th.

Our members' Christmas party is being held on the 14th December at 7pm, and on the 16th December we meet for a seasonal lunch at the King's Arms, Elham. We wish all our members and friends a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Marion Hoare 862913



Hall Redevelopment Fundraiser An Evening of Christmas Enter TAYNEment

Enjoy a fabulous night out set in an intimate setting
at the Tayne Centre

Saturday 10th December

Programme includes music by **Dean Hayward**
and his choir **The Haywardians,**
The Lyminge Dramatic Society
Musicians and Singers.

Don't miss out! Not many tickets left

Price £5 including refreshments

Phone Mike 862073



Lyminge Youth Action volunteers: Jack Roberts, Jake Theoff, Jamie Barratt, Charlie Paris and Nick Lavender give up 3 hours of their time to install the new perspex panels in the teen shelter.

The Lord Whisky Sanctuary Fund

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DATES FOR YOUR 2012 DIARY

Fur, Feather & Exotic Exhibition
Saturday 25th February, 10am - 4pm at Boughton-Under-Blean Village Hall
Boot & Spring Fayre ~ Saturday 5th May
2nd Annual Cyclo-Sportive ~ Bank Holiday Monday, 28th May
Dog & Owners Fun Day ~ Saturday 9th June
Boot & Summer Fayre ~ Saturday 28th July
Boot & Autumn Fayre ~ Saturday 8th September
Boot Fayre & Clearance Sale ~ Saturday 20th October
Halloween Supper at The Lord Whisky Tea Rooms - Saturday 27th October

All our Boot Fayres are held at Park House from 12 noon ~ 3.30pm
Entertainment ~ Hot & Cold Refreshments ~ Arena Displays ~ Tombolas ~ Stalls
Look out for further details in this magazine.

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We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all our supporters and everyone who has attended our fund-raising events this year. You have enabled us to help many animals and people in our community. Thank you also to everyone who gave lovely new homes to many of our animals.

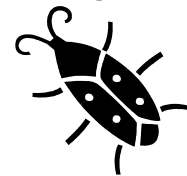
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We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you at our events in 2012.

Rhodes Minnis Village Hall Christmas Beetle Drive

Friday 16th December 7.30pm

Bring and share food;
we supply tea, coffee, juice.
New players very welcome. Raffle
Adults £2, children 50p



LYMINGE FRIENDS

Meetings are 10.30 - 12.30 in the Methodist Church Parlour
Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 7th December - Christmas Social, Secret Santa and Mince Pies

Saturday 31st December - New Year's Eve Lunch in China China

Wednesday 4th January - Members Christmas Lunch in Rose & Crown Stelling Minnis

Wednesday 18th January - *Note date!* **January talk** - details in January's Newsletter

Wednesday 15th February - *Note date* - details in January's Newsletter

No membership fees - only £1.50 per month.
For more details contact Marian on 862015

Coach & Horses



Christmas Eve - Open as usual

Christmas Day - Pub open 12-2pm for drinks

Boxing Day - Pub open 12-6pm / Kitchen closed

New Years Eve - Open as usual / from 8pm entrance with tickets only

New Years Day - Pub will be open 12-6pm / Kitchen open 12-4pm

Contact: 01303 862694

TEA DANCES COMING SOON TO LYMINGE



Further details next month

Hall Users of the Tayne Centre

Apologies for the inconvenience

We are delighted that work has started on the redevelopment of the kitchen. It has been gutted whilst electrics, plumbing, fire system, a new hatch, new flooring and a quality kitchen with brand new appliances are fitted over the next 2 months. We hope that in the short term users will be able to manage with the temporary arrangements on the stage for the provision of hot drinks.

We have tried to anticipate as many of the issues which may arise over the next few months, however if you or your group have any concerns please phone **07971 722 401** or **862 073** and we will do everything we can to correct these as quickly as possible. We are confident that the end result will be well worth the short term inconvenience.

Thank you to all who helped in fundraising. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas concert on the 10th December. **Tayne Centre Redevelopment Group.**

LYMINGE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Calling all parents, grandparents or carers with children under school age at a loose end on Tuesday mornings. We meet every week [during term time] at the *Methodist Hall* [now known as the *Tayne Centre*] in *Lyminge* between 10.00am -12 noon to give the children a chance to play and interact with others the same age.

We offer a wide range of craft and play activities, including trikes, bikes and slides to painting books and jigsaws.

We charge £1.50 per session (1st session free) which includes 'half time' refreshments for both adults and children.

For more information 'phone Karen 01303 863274

RHODES MINNIS TODDLER GROUP

We are a small group open to mums, dads, grandparents and carers who meet on Thursday mornings at Rhodes Minnis Village Hall any time between 10 am – 12 noon during term time.

Come and have a tea/coffee while having a friendly chat as your child plays. £1.50 per session (first session free)

'Phone Elaine on 01303 863096 for more information

Etchinghill Update December 2011

Farmers' Market will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 -12.30 in the Village Hall.

Open House is held every Monday morning in the Village Hall from 10-12.00, all welcome.

16th January - Kim Fletcher - *Action with Communities in Rural Kent* will outline what is necessary for the digital switchover for TV reception.

Etchinghill Residents Association

The Christmas Tree Lighting Up Ceremony will be held on Saturday, 3rd December at 5.00 pm at Meriden Park. This year we will sing a few Carols accompanied by Penny Keutenius on the accordion and all are encouraged to bring along a lantern to help light up the area. Mulled wine and home-made mince pies as usual in the Village Hall afterwards. All Etchinghill residents warmly welcomed.

Etchinghill Cinema Club

The next meeting will be on the **16th January** when will be showing '**Made in Dagenham**' a feel-good comedy starring Bob Hoskins and Sally Hawkins. Screening is free for those who have pre-paid, otherwise it is £5.00. Contact Lorraine on 863333.

Etchinghill Petanque Singles League Table

Having successfully self-built our Petanque Court at the end of June 2011 we have since participated in three local Elham Valley competitions and, as relative novices to the game, our teams have acquitted themselves well. We also started a Petanque Singles League Table at the beginning of October 2011 for local residents and have recruited 25 active players. During this first month a total of 56 games have been played and a keen interest has been shown by our players. These matches are played at mutually convenient times during the week and we are also running practice/training sessions every Saturday between 14.00 and 16.00: anyone wishing to try their hand at Petanque {French Boules} would be most welcome and should just come along to the Village Hall during these times [No need to have your own Boules as these will be provided for you]. Should anyone be interested in joining the Petanque Singles League Table itself, contact Graham Barber [863747].

To all Runners / Joggers (of ALL abilities) in the Lyminge area

I'm a runner myself and see loads of you around the village and surrounding countryside at various times of the day.

I'm always looking for more motivation, and encouragement and I am sure you are too; therefore I was wondering if any other runners wanted to go for runs with others, socialise, network, share routes, tips & advice, attend race meetings together & create a team spirit.

Anybody interested, please visit <http://www.LymingeRunners.org.uk> and join in.

See you out on the trails. Pete Lindley



TAYNE CENTRE Hall HIRE



Previously known as the
Lyminge Methodist Church Hall

1 June to 30 September £5.50 per hour
£19.00 per 4 hour session £35.50 full day

1 October to 31 May £8.00 per hour
£26.50 per 4 hour session £46.50 full day
(including heating)

Parlour

All Year £5.00 per hour, with use of electric -
over heaters, if required.

Overnight Stays

1 June to 30 September £33
1 October to 31 May £44

For any enquiries please call **07971 722 401**

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, ELHAM VALLEY BRANCH



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

On Friday 11th November 2011 the Rector Peter
Ashman held a Remembrance service at 11.00am
at the Lyminge War Memorial.

Class 6 of Lyminge Primary School laid
remembrance crosses around the war memorial to
those who have died in the two world wars, whose
names are on the war memorial. It was a most
moving service as the children reverently laid their
remembrance crosses as each name was called.

We thank most sincerely the Rector, Mrs Steel
(Headteacher), and Mrs D'Cruz (Year 6 teacher)
for their attendance.

The total amount collected for poppies in Lyminge
this year is £1684.61, including £169.57 which was
collected at the United Remembrance service at
the Lyminge church service on Sunday 13th
November.

With grateful thanks to all, Alan J. Boughton

Lyminge Village Hall

Lyminge Village Hall, a Hallmark accredited hall
offers an excellent venue for up to 200 people and
can meet a variety of requirements with its small
Committee Room, larger Club Room and the Main
Hall with bar and servery and of course a large stage.
We continue to improve the facilities with upgraded
toilets and storage. The Management Committee
hold regular fundraising events which are advertised
elsewhere in the Newsletter. With the full stage now
available, concerts and band bookings can be
accepted. With excellent parking, kitchen facilities
and plenty of tables and chairs our Village Hall
makes a great place for larger celebrations or charity
events.

Price example: Friday or Saturday evening £55.00
For full price details and availability just give

Jacqui Storey a call on 862044

ETCHINGHILL VILLAGE HALL HIRE FEES

Occasional Users

Standard weekday rates (08h30 to 23h00)

Hourly rate – up to 4 hours £7.00

1 Session – 4 continuous hours £21.00

2 Sessions – 8 continuous hours £42.00

All-day rate £70.00

Weekend rates (08h30 – 22h00 Sundays) will be
£10.00, £30.00, £60.00 and £100.00 respectively

Discounted rates are available for **Etchinghill
Residents** who are occasional hirers and for
Regular Users after 12 months' hiring.

The Committee Room costs £6.00 per session for
Regular Hirers, £6.00 per hour for **Non-Residents**
and £5.00 per hour for **Residents**.

All-day hire for **Weddings, Banquets and
Commercial Functions:**

£100.00 for Residents

£200.00 for non-Residents.

For bookings and enquiries, please contact **Eileen** on
01303 862832.

RHODES MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

Are you looking for a hall in which to hold Practice
sessions, private party/function or Meeting?
Rhodes Minnis Village Hall has the capacity to
take parties of up to 100 and has kitchen facilities at
no extra cost.

Rates:

Sun – Fri £14.00 per session. £34.00 per day

Sat - £20.00 per session. £27.00 evening session

£55.00 per full day.

Session Times:

AM session 8.30am – 12.30pm

PM session 1.30pm – 5.30pm

Evening Session 6.00pm – 11.45pm

A £25.00 returnable deposit is payable in advance.
Electricity will be charged at 18p per unit. Regular
users will be given a special reduced rate.

**For details contact Mick or Dorothy Athow on
01303 862616**

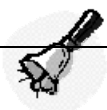
Sibton Park Cricket Pavilion Club

Having a party? Need a local venue?
Why not take advantage of Sibton Park Cricket
Club's lovely pavilion?

We have a bar with club price drinks & friendly
efficient staff.

There is capacity for up to 100 guests. For further
information or to make a booking please

Contact Lesley Kirk, Tel: 01303 862366



With planning for the festive season now on our minds it is timely to mention how great handbells sound when playing carols and Christmas tunes. We shall be playing as usual at St Nicholas Fayre and for the Crib Service and Midnight Mass in the Parish Church. But if you would like us to come along to your own private celebration we are more than happy to oblige. All we need is a large table, room for up to 12 players and a donation of at least £40 for our new charity, the Nepali Children's' Trust. A contribution to travelling costs is asked for if bookings are at locations more than 5 miles from Lyminge. Weekends and evenings only please and naturally we need plenty of advance notice as we do get booked up. Want more info or make a booking?

Just call Ro Edmond on 863201 or email welldorm@aol.com

Seasonal Greetings from the Lyminge Historical Society (LHS)

Thank you for your support over the year and we look forward to seeing you on the 6th December – which is also our AGM. Come and enjoy some seasonal fare whilst you listen to the fascinating history of “**Pitt the Younger and the Martello Towers**”. You will be pleased to know that we have also provided you with the ideal stocking filler or that little something you can send to friends and relatives for Christmas. ‘**Lyminge: a history Part 2**’ is available at the Post Office or from the **Society** at the meeting on the 6th December. This new volume covers further details of Lyminge Parish's past; why we have the trees we have, what happened at the Jutish Cemetery Dig in 1953, the fauna of the area, how George V's Jubilee was celebrated in 1935, along with a collection of notes and histories about various activities and characters from the Parish's rich history. We have held the price at £5.00, the same as Part 1- which still remains on sale.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all

2012 talks start on 6th March, with the ever popular John Buss, who will inform and no doubt delight us on the topic of “**Evacuees**”. There's never been a better time to renew your membership or join the Lyminge Historical Society. John Carr

Lyminge Heritage Questions and Answers

This month I am continuing with some more war time memories. Brian Hawkes 'phoned me recently and has kindly allowed me to reproduce the reminiscences that he told me. I have added some background information that may be of interest. Brian lived in Lyminge during war and particularly remembers tanks being lined up underneath the trees on either side of the road at the bottom of Longage Hill, by Sibton Park, in the build up to D-Day in 1944. They created quite a remarkable site.

Brian lived in Lavender Cottage and remembers the ceiling falling down on him whilst he slept in a Morrison Shelter when the V1 doodle-bug hit the Methodist Church. A Morrison Shelter was a steel cage which came flat-packed in 359 parts from the Ministry of Home Security. The occupants were expected to put the shelter together with the three tools that were supplied. They were 6ft6in long, 4ft wide and 2ft6in high. Apparently, studies showed they were particularly effective at protecting occupants from serious injury. During the day they were often used as dining tables. They were named after the Minister of Home security during the war from 1940-45, Rt Hon. Herbert Stanley Morrison, MP. Although Brian might have been shaken up by the ceiling falling on top of him, he still went to school that day and remembers first looking at the damage that had been done to the Methodist Church. Flames were still licking the timbers and the Lyminge Fire Brigade were damping down the fire.

Another of Brian's memories concerns the Reconnaissance Corps who had a headquarters in one of the houses between Lavender Cottage and the Methodist Church. He particularly remembers armoured vehicles rushing, both forward and backwards, up and down Church Road. I have done some research and it appears that the 46th Reconnaissance Regiment was based all round our locality (including Lyminge, Etchinghill, Postling and Paddlesworth) in the latter half of 1942 prior to the regiment being sent to North Africa at the beginning of 1943. Its main headquarters was at Westenhanger Racecourse. The Reconnaissance Corps was an elite branch of the British Army during the Second World War. The Corps' soldiers were trained to gather tactical information for the Infantry during battles by probing ahead and screening the flanks of main advances with armoured vehicles and Bren Carriers. Their training also included driving, vehicle mechanics and combat. Perhaps their elite nature and emphasis on vehicle training explains their demonstration of driving ability in Church Road.

That's all for this month and this year. Thank you to everybody who has contributed through the year. I wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alistair Bailey (t:864235 e:abailey447@aol.com)

LYMINGE WEATHER STATISTICS - October 2011

Thanks to Mr Godden for these weather statistics and notes.

	Temperature (°C)	Air Pressure (hPa)	Wind Speed (mph)	Total Monthly Rainfall
Maximum	27.2 (2/10/11)	1022 (14-16/10/11)	32 (17/10/11 - SE)	48.0mm (1.89 inches)
Minimum	-1.4 (20/10/11)	998 (24-27/10/11)	Highest Daily Rainfall	17 mm (0.67 inches)

A month with an unusually large range of temperatures but overall warm, due to only three days having winds from the NW/N/NE.

The Lord Whisky Centre & Tea Rooms

Rhodes Minnis, Nr Canterbury CT4 6XY
Tel 01303 862349

Come and visit the Lord Whisky Centre at Rhodes Minnis, open every day from 10am – 4pm

Choose from a range of hot and cold meals and snacks, including full English Breakfast, Cyclists' Specials, Cream Teas, home-made cakes and our popular Sunday Roasts. Candlelit Suppers every Friday night from 6pm - 9pm, plus day-time specials.

We also hold several special events throughout the year, including Valentines' Day Supper, Mother's Day & Father's Day Lunches, Pie & Mash Nights, our Spooky Halloween Supper and Christmas Lunches.

Groups of up to 50 people are welcome during the day or in the evening (with 5 clear working days notice).

We can also cater for Wakes, Christenings, Birthday Parties, Business Meetings etc

The Tea Rooms also sell Lord Whisky merchandise, Beauty without Cruelty products, home-made cakes, jams, marmalades and chutneys and good quality bric-a-brac.

Low-income Veterinary Clinics

are held at

The Lord Whisky Centre, Rhodes Minnis, CT4 6XY every Tuesday & Thursday, 2-3pm

Wealden Forest Park, Herne Common, CT6 7LQ every Monday & Friday, 3-4pm

Our Mobile Veterinary Clinic visits the car park of **Macknades Fine Foods, Selling Road, Faversham** every other Monday (please phone 01303 862622 or visit our website for further details. www.lordwhisky.co.uk)

There is no need to book at any of our clinics (except for operations). Proof of low-income must be produced and treatments must be paid for in full. For more details, phone 01303 862622

Did you know **Bob Bailey** of **Ladwood Farm** nr Acrise? If so, please contact John Carr (01303862972) who is compiling **The History of Lyminge, Part 3**

Out and About

Do you have any photos of local events or local groups in action, please call 01303 862699



▲ The Armistice Day Service on 11.11.2011 with the children from Lyminge Primary School.

Lest We Forget - The three wreaths laid at the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13th together with some of the many small crosses.



Mystery Photo

Last month's picture was the top of the Phone Box outside the Post Office. Another Mystery Photograph next month if we have more space !

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▲ Past and present staff of the Post Office say farewell to Colleen Lidbury at Mary-Claire's Country Kitchen. We wish her well for the future.



➔ Another thespian triumph ! If you missed the **Lyminge Dramatic Society's** production of *The Flint Street Nativity* you missed a great play full of hilarious comedy and yet with many poignant touches.



Lyminge Businesses' Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

	Sat 24-Dec Christmas Eve	Sun 25-Dec Christmas Day	Mon 26-Dec Boxing Day	Tues 27-Dec Bank Holiday	Wed 28-Dec	Thur 29-Dec	Fri 30-Dec	Sat 31-Dec New Year's Eve	Sun 01-Jan New Year's Day	Mon 02-Jan Bank Holiday	Tues 03-Jan
Chemist	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9-1pm; 2.30-6.30pm	9-1pm; 2.30-6.30pm	9-1pm; 2.30-5.30pm	9am-1pm	Closed	Closed	9-1pm; 2.30-6.30pm
Age Concern	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed				Closed	Closed	Closed	
Hardware	9am-5.30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-5.30pm	9am-5.30pm	9am-5.30pm	9am-5.30pm	Closed	Closed	9am-5.30pm
Laing Bennett	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	10am-2pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
China China	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Samuel Jacobs	9am-4pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-7pm	9am-5.30pm	9am-5.30pm	9am-4pm	Closed	Closed	9am-5.30pm
Library	10am-1pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-6pm	9am-12noon	10am-2pm	Closed	Closed	9am-12noon
Food & Wine	7am-9pm	1pm-2pm	9am-6pm	7am-8pm	7am-9pm	7am-9pm	7am-9pm	7am-6pm	9am-3pm	7am-8pm	7am-9pm
Newsagents	7am-9pm	9am-12noon	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm	7am-8pm
Post Office	9am-12.30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	9am-5pm
Insurance	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-5pm
Wholistic Works	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Pod only	Osteo Only	Pod Only	Closed	Closed	Closed	Osteo Only
Red Dragon	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open
Coach and Horses	Open	12noon-2pm Drinks	12noon-6pm Kitchen closed	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open as usual, Ticket after 8pm	12noon-6pm; Food 12-4pm	Open	Open
Auto-Economy	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	8am-6pm	8am-6pm	8am-6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	8am-6pm
Mary-Claire's	9am-3pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am-3pm	9am-3pm

"Merry Christmas; thank you Lyminge, for all your support"